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SUBJECT: NIGERIAN PRESS COVERAGE OF EXCLUSION OF OPEC  
MEMBERS FROM US GSP SCHEME

NIGERIAN PRESS MARCH 26 AND 27 REPORTED US EXECUTIVE ORDER OFFERING TRADE PREFERENCES TO 89 DEVELOPING COUNTRIES BUT WHICH EXCLUDES NIGERIA AND OTHER OPEC MEMBERS. THIS WAS FIRST PRESS MENTION OF OPEC EXCLUSION FROM US GSP. DESPITE DEADLINES SUCH AS "BLACKLIST" (DAILY TIMES AND OBSERVER) AND "BLACKMAIL" (TRIBUNE) THE ARTICLES WERE GENERALLY NON-INFLAMMATORY AND FACTUALLY ACCURATE. THE THREE PAPERS ALL REPORTED THAT THE 24 COUNTRIES EXCLUDED FROM THE PREFERENCES ARE SAID TO BE UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR INCLUSION IN THE TRADE PREFERENCE SCHEME, BUT ADDED THAT IN THE CASE OF OPEC COUNTRIES OIL WOULD FIRST HAVE TO BE SUPPLIED AT WHAT THE US CONSIDERS REASONABLE PRICES. THE OBSERVER SAID PRESIDENT FORD HOPED TO PROPOSE TO CONGRESS CHANGES IN THE TRADE ACT WHICH WOULD GIVE THE ADMINISTRATION MORE LATITUDE IN DEALING WITH THE OPEC GROUP. MOST OF THE REST OF THE COVERAGE IN THE ABOVE THREE PAPERS AND IN THE RENAISSANCE, THE ONLY PAPER TO CARRY THE STORY, WAS DEVOTED TO

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EXPLANATION OF THE US GSP SCHEME AND TO LISTING COUNTRIES

BESIDES OPEC/MEMBERS WHICH HAD BEEN EXCLUDED. THERE HAS AS  
YET BEEN NO EDITORIAL COMMENT.  
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